

REMARKS

Claims 17 – 23 are pending in this application. Of these claims, claims 19-20, 22, and 23 have previously been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 17 is currently amended, and new claims 24-30 are added. In view of the amendment and remarks below, the Applicants submit that the claims are neither anticipated nor obvious in view of the cited references. The Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance.

1. 35 U.S.C. §102: Claims 17 – 18

Claims 17 – 18 describe a liquid crystal display device. The liquid crystal display device has a plurality of light reflective concave portions, each concave portion having a single minimum point.

U.S. Patent No. 6,097,458 Tsuda et al. ("Tsuda") describes a reflective liquid crystal device that incorporates a reflector. The reflector of *Tsuda* does not disclose light reflective concave portions having a single minimum point. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these rejections.

2. 35 U.S.C. §103: Claims 17 and 21

Claims 17 and 21 describe a liquid crystal display device. The liquid crystal display device has a plurality of light reflective concave portions, each concave portion having a single minimum point.

The proposed combination of *Tsuda* and U.S. Patent No. 6,130,736 to Sasaki et al. describes a liquid crystal display device that incorporates a corrugated reflector. The proposed combination does not disclose or suggest light reflective concave portions having a single minimum point. Therefore, for at least this reason claims 17 and 21 are not rendered obvious in view of the cited references. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these rejections.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendment and remarks, the Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If for any reason, the Examiner believes that the amendment and remarks do not put the claims in condition for allowance, the undersigned attorney can be reached at (312) 321-4200 to resolve any remaining issues.

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